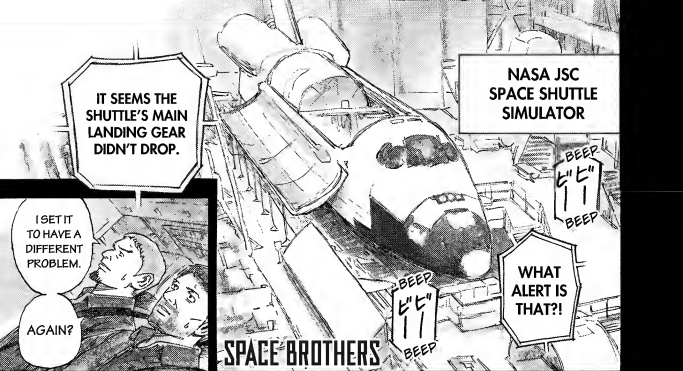




SPACE BROTHERS

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COMICS

CHAPTER 304
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IT SEEMS THE
SHUTTLE'S MAIN
LANDING GEAR
DIDN'T DROP.

NASA JSC
SPACE SHUTTLE
SIMULATOR

I SET IT
TO HAVE A
DIFFERENT
PROBLEM.

AGAIN?

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WHAT
ALERT IS
THAT?!

CREW,
PLEASE
EXIT THE
VEHICLE.

WE DIED
AGAIN,
RIGHT?

YEAH.

YOU
OKAY,
BILL?

NO IDEA.

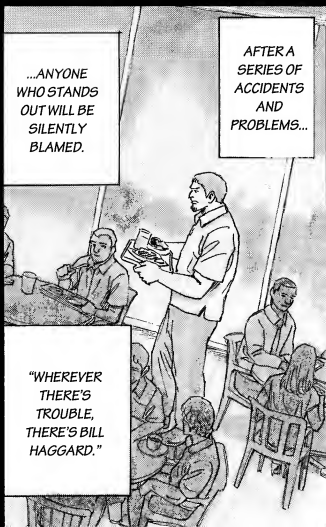
WHAT'S
THE
CAUSE?

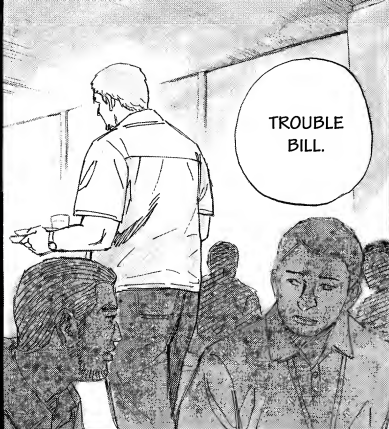
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WHEN
THAT
HAPPENS,

HUMANS
WANT A
CAUSE, EVEN
IF IT'S ONLY
TEMPORARY.

SOMETIMES,
A PROBLEM'S
CAUSE ISN'T
IMMEDIATELY
OBVIOUS.





...THEY
WERE
STARTING
TO SAY I
WAS DEAF.



I KNEW I'D
GOTTEN SO
GOOD AT
PRETENDING
NOT TO HEAR
THEM...

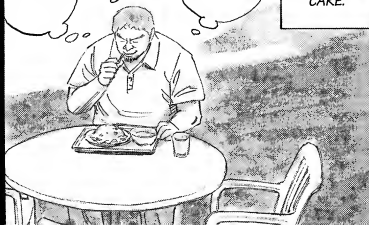
WHETHER
I HEARD...

WHAT THE
OTHERS SAID
OR NOT...

HEH...
THAT'S
CLEVER.

TROUBLE
BILL?

TO TELL
THE TRUTH,
I DIDN'T
CARE.



...WHAT
LAY
BEYOND
THE
TROUBLE.

I WAS
LOOKING
AT...

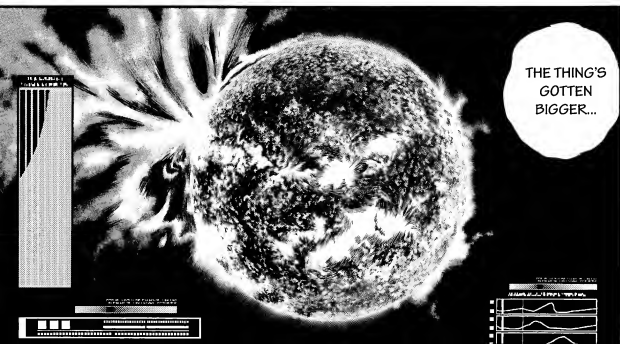
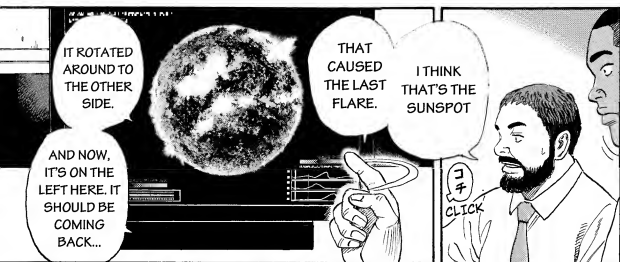


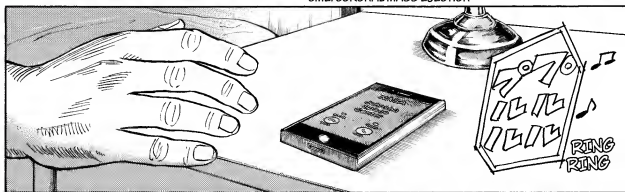
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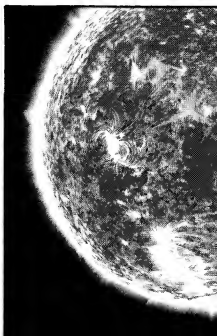
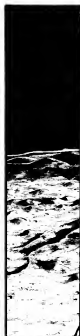
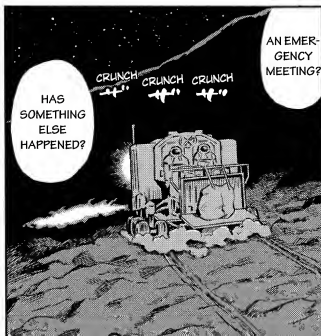
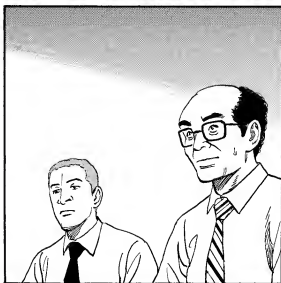
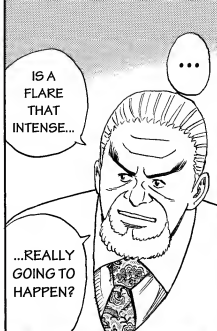
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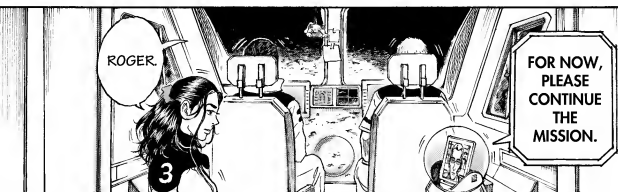


AS SOON AS
HAGGARD
RETURNS FROM
THE CONFERENCE,
I THINK WE'LL
GET AN
EXPLANATION.

RATTLE
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I HAVEN'T
BEEN TOLD
THE DETAILS
MYSELF.



ROGER.

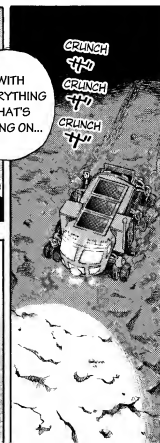
FOR NOW,
PLEASE
CONTINUE
THE
MISSION.



YEAH...

...HAGGARD
HAS IT
TOUGH.

WITH
EVERYTHING
THAT'S
GOING ON...



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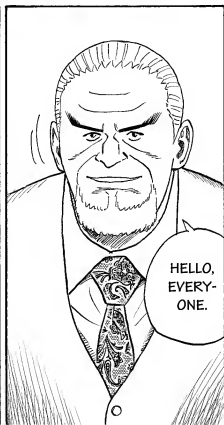
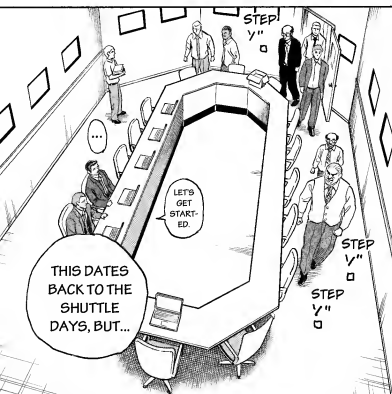
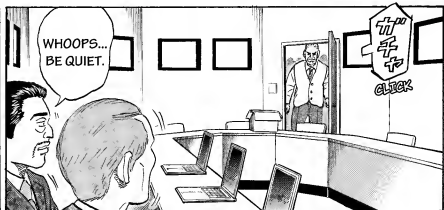
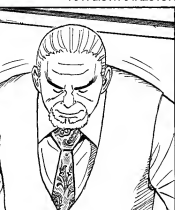


LANDING ISSUES.

TOO MANY CONFERENCES.



*FD: FLIGHT DIRECTOR





THE
LAUNCH
WAS
DELAYED
FOR THREE
WEEKS.

...OPENED A
HOLE IN THE
FUEL TANK,
TRYING TO
BUILD A
NEST.

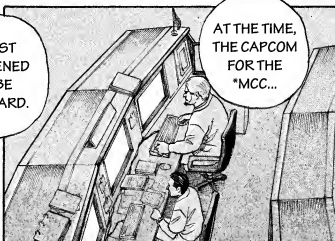


DURING
BREEDING
SEASON,
A WOOD-
PECKER...



...JUST
HAPPENED
TO BE
HAGGARD.

HAGGARD
WASN'T
RESPONSIBLE
FOR ANY OF IT.



AT THE TIME,
THE CAPCOM
FOR THE
*MCC...

*MCC: MISSION CONTROL CENTER



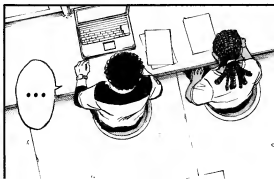
"TROUBLE-
BRINGER..."

...



...THAT I
GET A LOT.
I UNDER-
STAND.

TO HAVE
RUMORS
SPREAD
BECAUSE YOU
STAND OUT IS
SOMETHING...



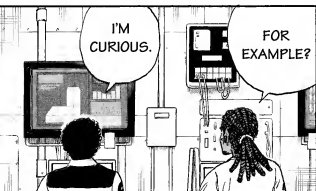
...



...TO THIS
MISSION.

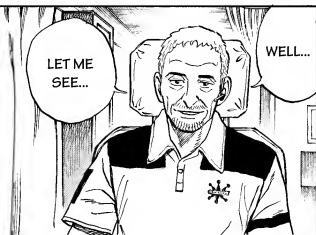
HAGGARD...

I'M
PROBABLY
THE THING
THAT'S
BRINGING
ALL THIS
TROUBLE...



I'M
CURIOUS.

FOR
EXAMPLE?



LET ME
SEE...

WELL...



...HAGGARD
SOLVED A LOT
OF PROBLEMS.

DESPITE THE
IMPRESSION
EVERYONE
HAD ABOUT
HIM...

HUH.

THEY
ALMOST
LOST
POWER.

ONE TIME, THE
SOLAR PANELS OF
THE ISS STOPPED
FUNCTIONING FOR
SOME REASON,
AND THEIR ANGLE
COULDN'T BE
CHANGED.

BUT IT
WORKED, AND
THE POWER
CAME BACK
ONLINE.

AND HE
TURNED THE
WHOLE ISS,
SO THE
PANEL
FACED THE
SUN.

WHEN IT
HAPPENED,
HAGGARD
WAS ABOARD
THE ISS.

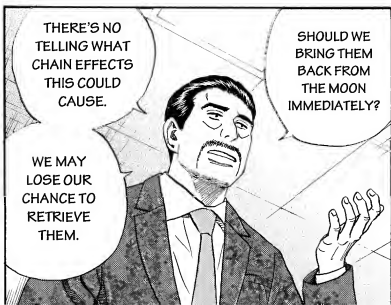
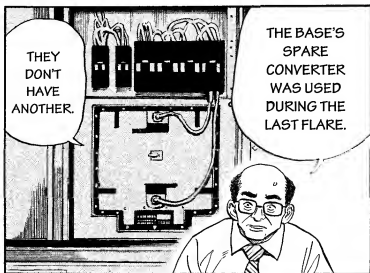
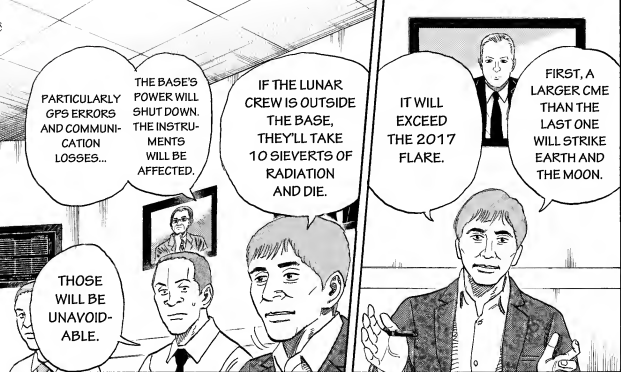
WILD...

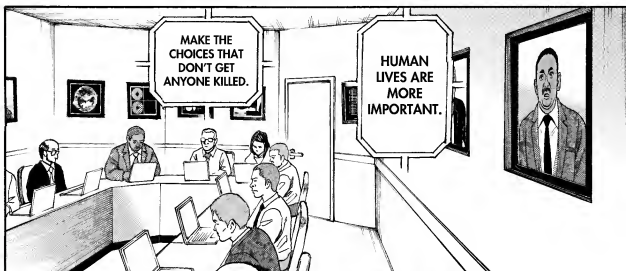
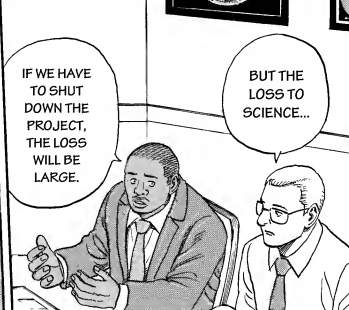
WHOA!

EVERYONE
SAID HE
WAS
CRAZY.

...THE FLARE
OCCURRING AGAIN,
AND USE THAT AS
THE BASIS FOR
OUR DISCUSSION.

LET'S
TAKE THE
WORST-CASE
SCENARIO...





...CANCEL
THE CES-66
MISSION,

I PROPOSE
WE PUT THE
CREW'S
SAFETY AS
OUR FIRST
PRIORITY...

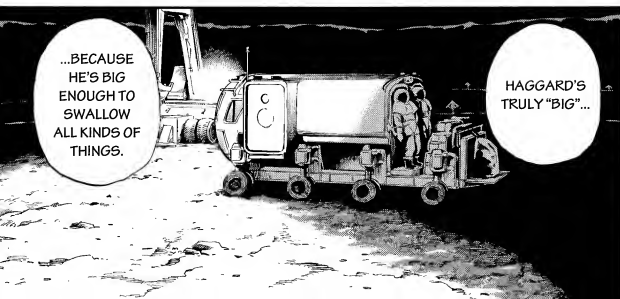
AND
RETURN
THE CREW
TO EARTH
AT ONCE.



MURMUR...
ハ...ワ...

...BECAUSE
HE'S BIG
ENOUGH TO
SWALLOW
ALL KINDS OF
THINGS.

HAGGARD'S
TRULY "BIG"...





SO AS HE DEALT
WITH TROUBLE,
HE'S ALWAYS
HELD A
STRONGER
SENSE OF
RESPONSIBILITY.

HE KNOWS
HE'S BEING
WATCHED.



THAT'S
WHY SO MANY
PEOPLE TRUST
HIM.

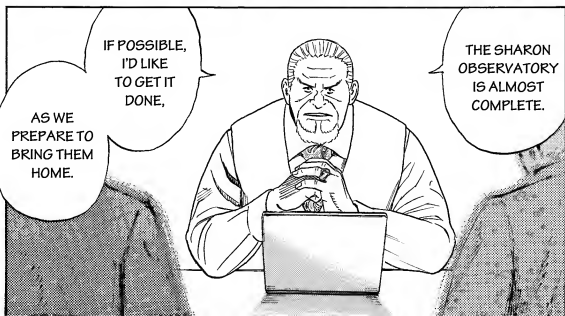
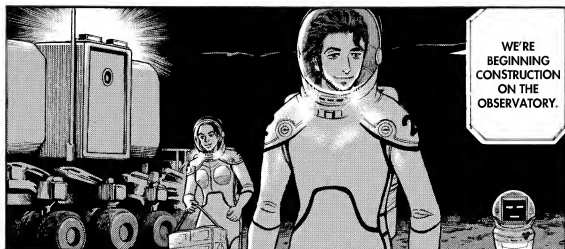
AND EACH TIME,
HE'S OVERCOME
HIS PROBLEMS.



...DO WE
HAVE UNTIL
THE
SUNSPOT
REACHES
THE DANGER
ZONE?



HOW
MANY
DAYS...



BUT GIVEN THEIR
EXPERIENCES
IN GOING TO THE
MOON, AND
THEIR REASON
FOR BEING
THERE...

OUR FIRST
PRIORITY
REMAINS
THEIR
SAFETY.

SCIENCE
MUST NOT BE
STOPPED.

...

...AND AT THE
SAME TIME,
COMPLETE THE
OBSERVATORY.

WE'LL TRY
AND BRING
THEM BACK...

SMACK
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